

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful consideration given the present patent application.

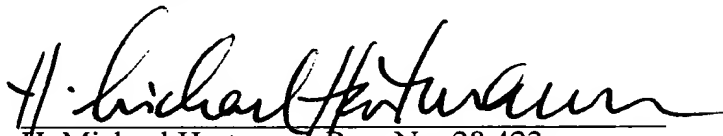
With respect to the Section 112 rejections and objections noted in the Office Action, the application has been amended via non-narrowing amendments to address these matters. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

With respect to the rejection over Kopelman, the Examiner is requested to note that claim 80 now specifies a handle having various features including a longitudinal axis and a point of maximum distance from the longitudinal axis. Claim 80 further specifies that the handle includes a center part that is asymmetrical relative to a plane including said maximum point and said longitudinal axis. Kopelman does not disclose this feature, and accordingly the Section 102 rejection should not be applied to any of the pending claims. No other rejections over Kopelman or any other art are warranted, and accordingly this application is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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